[Mr. T. K. Alexander.]

(*b*) the number of them acting at present in permanent vacancies but not confirmed;

(*c*) the reason for not confirming them yet;

(*d*) the number of teachers confirmed during the years 1104 to 1109; and

(*e*) the number of years of their acting service in the department?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) 137.

(*b*) 44.

(*c*) As proposals regarding the seniority lists, minimum qualifications for recruitment, abolition of schools, and other cognate matters are under consideration.

(*d*) 959.

(*e*) Ranging from 7 days to 11 years 2 months and 10 days.

Major Conservancy Station at Piravam.

188. ✻ **MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE** (*Muvattupuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any petition from the Piravam public praying to institute a Major Conservancy at Piravam instead of the Minor Conservancy as already granted: and

(*b*) what steps have been taken in respect of the above petition?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this question does not arise.

Silting up of the Talavady river.

189. ✻ **MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any part of the Talavady river has got silted up so as to intercept navigation and to affect adversely the paddy cultivation on both sides of the river;

(*b*) whether the matter has been brought to the notice of Government;

(*c*) what steps, if any, have been taken to remove the silt and deepen the river;

(*d*) whether any amount is annually spent to keep the river navigable and, if so, whether such annual work is effective for the purpose; and

(*e*) whether the Government propose to take adequate measures to counteract the serious inconvenience arising from the present state of the river?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) No. But some portions are shallow.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Silted portions were deepened and are now being maintained in navigable condition.

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(*d*) An annual grant of Rs. 400 is allotted for the maintenance. The works done are effective for the purpose.

(*e*) The matter is under consideration.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): In answer to part (*a*), will the member be pleased to explain how the shallowness was brought about?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I cannot say.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Has the Chief Engineer made any inspection of that particular river?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): No.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): തലവടി ആറ് എന്നപറയുന്നത് എവിടംമുതൽ എവിടംവരെയുള്ളതാണ്?

MR. G. B. E TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): It is the river which passes through Talavadi.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the Chief Engineer received any report from the authorities concerned about the silting up of the river?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): It is reported that the river is shallow.

Market at Venjaramoodu in Nedumangad taluk.

190. * **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the unlevelled and dirty condition of the Venjaramoodu market in the Nedumangad taluk?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): It is reported that the market is not in a dirty condition and that the uneven surface of the market site does not cause any inconvenience to the market-going public.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know who reported that the market is not in a dirty condition?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): The Tahsildar.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Is not the report made by a subordinate officer confidential? Can the member in charge of the Department divulge the information? Is such a question allowable, Sir?

PRESIDENT: I do not think it is.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether any higher authorities were asked to report about the matter to corroborate whether the information supplied by the Tahsildar was correct or not?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): It does not appear from the papers that any higher authorities were asked to inspect the place.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether any of the higher authorities will be pleased to go and inspect the market and satisfy himself that it is not in a good condition?

PRESIDENT: That is not asking for information.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether the report of the Tahsildar was received after this interpellation was placed into the hands of the member?

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